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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 62-66417, which was published on March 25, 1987, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 09-282642, which was published on October 31, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 2 of the specification of the present application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-143838, which was published on May 29, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants

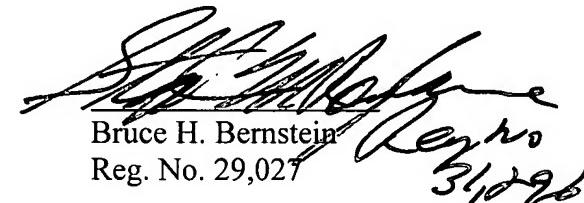
note that this document is mentioned on page 2 of the specification of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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